

GOVERNMENT OF TALANGANA  
ABSTRACT

T.S.Forest Conservation Act – Diversion of **1531.0548** ha of forest land in five different forest divisions viz. Manuguru, Paloncha and Kothagudem divisions of Bhadradri-Kothagudem District and Sathupally and Khammam divisions of Khammam District for construction of canals, tunnels, laying of power lines etc. involved in **Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project** in favour of Chief Engineer, Projects, I&CADD, Khammam – **Final (stage-II)** approval - Accorded – Orders - Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 7

Dated: 16-02-2019  
Read the following:

1. From the PCCF (HoFF), TS, Hyd., Lr.No.9000/2017/FCA-1, Dt.01.12.2017.
2. Govt. Letter No.5180/For.I (1)/2017, EFS&T (For.I) Dept. Dated:04-12-2017.
3. From GoI, MoEF&CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSA113/2017-CHN/0188, dt.02.02.2018.
4. From PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.9000/2017/FCA-1, Dated:21.01.2019.
5. Govt. Letter No.5180/For.I (1)/2017, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., Dated:23-01-2019.
6. From GoI, MoEF&CC, Chenaai, F.No.4-TSA113/2017-CHN/0150, dt.30.01.2019.

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O R D E R

In the letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal for diversion of **1531.0548** ha of forest land in five different forest divisions viz. Manuguru, Paloncha and Kothagudem divisions of Bhadradri-Kothagudem District and Sathupally and Khammam divisions of Khammam District for construction of canals, tunnels, laying of power lines etc. involved in **Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project** in favour of Chief Engineer, Projects, I&CADD, Khammam.

2. In the letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the proposal in para-1 above was forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai for granting approval under section -2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980.

3. In their letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GoI, Chennai have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the above proposal, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

4. In the letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in his letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai for according necessary approval.

5. In the letter 6<sup>th</sup> read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

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6. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of **1531.0548** ha of forest land in five different forest divisions viz. Manuguru, Paloncha and Kothagudem divisions of Bhadrachalam District and Sathupally and Khammam divisions of Khammam District for construction of canals, tunnels, laying of power lines etc. involved in **Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project** in favour of Chief Engineer, Projects, I&CADD, Khammam under section-2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S. Hyderabad shall carryout demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- iii. The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) for the whole project shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over identified non-forest land and degraded forest lands as mentioned below from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.

#### **1. Non forest lands**

- a. In Yellandu Division – 33.506 ha in Sy No.549, 556, 557 of Pusapalli (Village) of Yellandu Mandal.
- b. In Bhadrachalam Division – Total 363.635 ha, i.e. 13,488 ha in Sy No 3., 4 & 5 in Seetharampuram (V), Bhadrachalam Range, 37.582 ha in Sy No.63 in Chinabandirevu (V), Dummugudem Range, 13.701 ha in Sy No.31 of Paidakulamadugu (V) Dummugudem Range, 5.806 ha in Sy No.1 in Puligundala A (V), Dummugudem Range, 9.506 ha in Sy No.1 in Puligudala B (V), Dummugudem Range, 5.167 ha in Sy No.1 in Puligudala D (V), Dummugudem Range, 10.709 ha in Sy No.6 in Charla (V), Charla Range, 127.347 ha in Sy Nos 117 &12 in Bhumulalanka, Rice peta (V), Charla Range, 115.09 ha in Sy No 60 in Jangalapalli (v), Charla Range, 13.622 ha in Sy No 37 in Kaliveru (V), Charla Range, 7.595 ha in Sy No 40 in Dosillapalli (V), Charla Range and 4.463 ha in Sy No 91 in Singasamudram (V), Charla Range.
- c. In Manuguru Forest Divisions: Total 100.642 ha, i.e., 39.66 ha in Sy No.400 in Ashwapuram (V), Ashwapuram (M), 36.50 ha in Sy No 336 in Gondigudem (V) Ashwapuram (M), 7.13 ha in Sy No 997 in Nellipaka (V) Ashwapuram (M), 7.90 ha in Sy No 71 in Thummala Cheruvu (V), Ashwapuram (M) and 9.43 ha in Sy No 127/1 in Amerdha (V), Ashwapuram (M).
- d. In Paloncha Forest Division: Total 605.358 ha, i.e. 50.186 ha in Sy No 225, 226 & 229 in Asupaka (V), Aswaraopeta (M), 61.66 ha in Sy No 116 Rasannagudem (V), Mulakalapally (M), 220.318 ha in Sy No 226 &228 in Asupaka (V), Aswaraopeta (M), 21.593 ha in Sy No 626 in Jagannadhapuram (V), Mulakalapally (M), 13.919 ha in Sy No 631 in Tirumalakunta (V), Aswaraopeta (M), 31.581 ha in Sy No.631 Tirumalakunta & Bandarugudem (V), Aswaraopeta (M), 42.194 ha in Sy No626 in Nallamudi (V), Mulakalapally (M), 17.324 ha in Sy No 78P in Balarajugudem (V), Dammapeta (M), 15.581 ha in Sy No 287P in Jaggaram (V),

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Dammapeta (M), 35.571 ha in Sy No 412P in Nacharam (V), Dammapeta (M), 20.479 ha in Sy No626 ha in Jagannadhapuram (V), Mulakalapally (M), 20.883 ha in Sy No 350 in Ankampalem (V), Dammapeta (M), 28.343 ha in Sy No.570/1, 884 in Patwarigudem (V), Dammapeta (M), 25.726 ha in Sy.No.149 in Patwarigudem (V), Dammapeta (M).

- e. In Sathupally Forest Division: Total 24.732 ha, i.e., 6.177 ha in Sy.No.68 in Annarugudem (V) Tallada (M), 7.212 ha in Sy.No.68 in annarugudem (V) Tallada (M) and 11.343 ha in Sy.No.189 in Balapeta (V), Tallada (M).
- f. In Khammam Forest Division: Total 186.368 ha, i.e., 33.60 ha in Sy.No.52 in Mucherla -1 (V), Kamepally (M), 6.649 ha in Sy.No.52 in Erlapudi -A (V), raghunadhapalem (M), 7.324 ha in Sy.No.52 in Erlapudi - B (V), Raghunadhapalem (M), 48.881 ha in Sy.No.52 in Erlapudi -C (V), Raghunadhapalem (M), 9.364 ha in Sy.No.94 in Kasirajugudem nallagutta-1 (V), Khammam Rural (M), 6.115 ha in No 205 in Teldharpalli -1 in Khammam Rural (M), 7.146 ha in Sy.No.569 in Teldharpalli - 2 (V), Khammam Rural (M), 7.799 ha in Sy.No.36 in Are Kodu (V), Khammam Rural (M), 7.297 ha in Sy.No.169 in tirumalayapalem - Puligutta (V), Tirumalayapalem (M), 23.013 ha in Rompinalla (V), Madhira (M), 10262 ha in Sy.No.61 in Yendepalli (V), Mandhira (M), 19.918 ha in Sy.No.58 I choppakatlalalem (V), Yerrupalem (M).
- g. In Jagityal Forest Division: Total 326.354 ha, i.e., 48.3734 ha in Sy.No.187 in Kacharam - Bojjagutta (V), Medipally (M), 10.2870 ha in Sy.No.338 in Lingampet - Gogulagutta (V), Medipally (M), 7.9416 ha in Sy.No.369 in Mannegudem (V), Medipally (M)140.370 ha in Sy.No.804 & 890 in Govindharam - Jilledugutta (V), Medipally (M), 59.716 ha in Sy.No.372 & 696 ha in Kalwakota - Mannegudem - Kukkalagutta (V), Medipally (M), 9.920 ha in Sy.No.657 in Katlakunta (V), Medipally (M), 14.854 ha in Sy.No.143 in Kalwakota - Nemallagutta (V), Medipally (M), 16.298 ha in Sy.No.354 in Kacharam -pottigutta (V), Medipally (M), 5.775 ha in Sy.No.936 in Kondapur (V), Medipally (M), 21.193 ha in 1308 in bheemaram (V), Medipally (M),

## 2. **Degraded Forest Land:**

- a. In Yellandu Division: 35 ha in Compt No.49 in Yellandu RF of Yellandu Range.
- b. In Bhadrachalam Division: Total 200 ha, i.e., in Compt No.41 of Arlagudem (S) Beat, Arlagudem RF, Bhadrachalam Range, 50 ha in Compt No.65 in R.Kothagudem beat of Pedamidisileru RF of Dummugudem Range, 30 ha in Compy No.13 in Kommanapally Beat, Kommanapally RF of Bhadrachalam Range, 40 ha in Compt No.62 in Devarapally Beat, Pedamidisileru RF of Dummugudem Range, 30 ha in Compt No.61 in Parnasala (N) Beat, Mulkanapally RF of Dummugudem Range.
- c. In Manuguru Forest Division: Total 212 ha, i.e., 10 ha in Compt No.175 in Chinthiriyala RF of Ashwapuram Range, 50 ha in Compt No.66 in Kondaigudem of Bayyaram Range, 50 ha in Compt No.27 in Janampeta RF of Bayyaram Range, 50 ha of Compt No.16 in Janampeta of Bayyaram Range and 52 ha in Compt No.209 in Nellipaka -B RF of Ashwapuram Range.

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- d. In Paloncha Forest Division: Total 454 ha, i.e., 15 ha in compt No.228 in Tirumalakunta RF of Dammapeta range, 25 ha in Compt No.227 in Tirumalakunta RF of Dammapeta Range, 30 ha in Compt No.224 in Tirumalakunta RF of Dammapeta, 30 ha in Compt No.202 in Nagupally of Dammapeta, 20 ha in Compt No.203& 204 in Nagupally Dammapeta Range, 100 ha in Compt No.320 in Balarajugudem RF of Dammapeta Range, 20 ha in Compt No.295 in Aswaraopeta Ext-1 RF of Dammapeta Range, Aswaraopeta Range, 100 ha in Compt No.292 in Aswaraopeta RF of Aswaraopeta Range, 50 ha in Compt NO.17 in Ramavaram RF of Mulakalapally Range, 50 ha in Compt No.322 in Mulakalapally RF of Mulakalapally Range and 14 ha in Compt No.249 in Duradapadu RF of Dammapeta Range.
  - e. In Kinnerasani Wildlife Forest Division: Total 100 ha, i.e., 50 ha in Compt No.7 in Yanambail Range and 50 ha in Compt No.17 in Chatakonda Range.
  - f. In Kothagudem Forest Division: Total 230 ha, i.e., 75 ha in Compt No.5 in Kothagudem Range, 50 ha in Compt No.32 & 33 in Ramavaram Range, 55 ha in Compt No.12 in Ramavaram Range, 50 ha in Compt No.128 in chandrugonda Range.
  - g. In Sathupally Forest Division: 52.33 ha in Compt No.139 & 350 in Sathupally Range.
- iv. Identified CA land and approved CA Scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
  - v. Non – forest lands which are transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation, shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section -4 or Protected Forest under Section -29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the State Forest Act. The Nodal Officer must report compliance within a period of 6 months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the original notification to this office for information and record;
  - vi. The PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State of Telangana shall instruct all the field level officers to implement the CA Scheme in its entirety as per the proposal and no CA amount should be left unspent;
  - vii. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S. Hyderabad shall form a monitoring Committee to oversee proper and time bound implementation of CA Scheme, CAT plan, Wildlife Conservation plan, R&R plan, Canal plantation and translocation of trees and to ensure that no FC Act violations are committed under the project;
  - viii. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
  - ix. A Part of NPV component for this project shall be utilized for forest protection and management works including fire protection etc in this area only;
  - x. The user agency shall take measures to protect flora and fauna in and around the project area;

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- xi. The details of CD / CM structures proposed along with exact width and height shall be finalized in consultation with the Forest Department;
- xii. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S. Hyderabad may rationalize the numbers of Eco Bridges proposed and construct the same wherever necessary at the project cost;
- xiii. The State Forest Department shall implement the CAT plan and the Wildlife Conservation Plan as proposed in the proposal; including the conditions recommended by the DFOs of the concerned forest divisions and the Chief Wildlife Warden, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- xiv. The State Government Department shall carry out all the mitigation measures as recommended by the NBWL from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- xv. The user agency shall not object the State Forest Department Authorities to have free rights to use the water for nursery / forestry related works and similar facilities to manage forest and fauna of the area;
- xvi. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S. Hyderabad and the user agency shall ensure that the approved Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) package is implemented in a time bound, transparent manner and settle all claims under RoFR Act, 2006;
- xvii. User agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986;
- xviii. The State Forest Department shall carry out plantation of dwarf species preferably medicinal plants in the Right of Way under the transmission line at from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- xix. The height of the transmission line shall be raised by additional 6 meters compared to normal level; where the projects area falls inside the wildlife area;
- xx. The User Agency and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S. Hyderabad shall ensure compliance to Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, guidelines F.NO.7-25/2012/-FC dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 and provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects;
- xxi. The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at designated dumping sites and in no case the muck / debris will be disposed off in the forest areas;
- xxii. Tree felling in the proposed forest area shall be carried out wherever necessary, with the prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned;
- xxiii. The State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of 15000 number of trees as reported in the compliance report, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- xxiv. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;

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- xxv. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- xxvi. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- xxvii. The total forest area to be utilized for the project shall not exceed **1531.0548** ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- xxviii. User agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- xxix. If needed, the State Government / User Agency shall initiate a fresh proposal for diversion of 19.0414 ha falling in IGLIS as per the Ministry's guidelines dated 07.10.2014;
- xxx. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S. Hyderabad and the user agency shall provide all necessary assistance to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change including its Regional Office, Chennai to monitor compliance to the aforesaid conditions;
- xxxi. Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India or Addl. PCCF (Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency;
- xxxii. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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To  
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